

# MEMBERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS 2005

## National Council Report to members

Just before Christmas we sent out a Membership Survey to help the party refocus on the needs and wishes of the membership. It was extremely helpful to receive the feedback and many thanks for those of you who took the trouble to complete it – every one was read in depth and the points made contributed to the overall findings.

The good news is that the membership were broadly happy with the progress of the EDP, although the most common criticism was the need for greater coverage in the national media. This has been an ongoing struggle, as the BBC and some newspaper groups have (until recently) been very unsympathetic to the English position. Much of the reason for this is a complete misunderstanding about what the EDP is and stands for. We have had to undertake a lot of "education" to exorcise the immediate assumption that having "English" in our title makes us "automatically" persona non grata. Fortunately, our spirited defence of Democracy, Free Speech, Civil Liberties and the promotion of English culture is now being accepted as being part of the mainstream. Confirmation of this has been not only the much heightened awareness of anti-English discrimination in the media, but the exploding issue of the "English Question" has made people realise the intolerable situation the English are now having to live under.

The new year saw television appearances for two members of the EDP NC filmed and radio appearances with Talk Radio recorded, and at the EGM in March we will be unveiling a new PR and Marketing division for the party which will work more actively to engage EDP speakers at events and make more appearances in the national media. We will also be expanding the size of the National Council to spread the increasing workload. It will always be the grass roots letters to MPs and local newspapers which will carry our publicity and we continue to ask all members to keep writing and working away on this.

We will also be adding to the EDP site new sections for six further new divisions within the party:

Publicity/Marketing; Policy Development; Lobbying/Web Activism; Cultural Development; Electoral Planning; and Fund Raising.

These sections will be password protected and monitored as they will only be available to designated members of the party who have been given responsibility for these party tasks.

We had a good response from volunteers, and we are now in the process of making contact with you to establish the new groups for their formal launch in March.

We hope that with the establishment of these newly formulated operating divisions, the concerns regarding publicity/policy development/lobbying/cultural development/etc will be largely addressed, and any comments you may have made in relation to any of these topics will be passed to the relevant group for consideration.

Despite the fact we are a party of volunteers and rely on the unpaid dedication of our membership we are, we believe, the stronger for it. As a party we may be quiet from time to time, but this is largely down to the fact we are busy lobbying, and working behind the scenes, and we hope that our members can see by the sheer change in focus on English issues, that much of this would not have come about had English Democrats not ventured into politics – this has been our single most successful strategic decision and is now reaping the results which England demands. We will continue to reflect the English Cause across a wide range of organisations and activities in a professional, honourable but uncompromising way and have taken on board your many suggestions.

If anyone wishes at anytime to comment on any aspect of EDP presentation you are always at liberty to write to the National Council and we will be pleased to respond. We never want to fall into the trap of not listening to the membership – the three main parties have done this for far too long – we are here to represent you. English Democrats Party, Quires Green, Willingale, Ongar, Essex, CM5 0QP

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# THE ENGLISH VOICE

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## English Voice Readers

I am delighted to welcome you to this edition of the English Democrats Party's in-house magazine. This is made possible by the hard work of the editorial team - Christine Constable and Steve Garrett - who prepare the English Voice and I am sure every member of the party is extremely grateful for their hard work.

Since our last edition there have been some positive changes in the way which England's future has been debated. This change is one which all active English patriots can be justly proud, but we do need to work hard to keep up the pressure up on the British political and media establishment to properly settle our just complaints!

When Gordon Brown raised the whole question of a National identity, I issued a press release:-

The English Democrats, as English Patriots, rephrase Gordon Brown's call for the celebration of patriotism.

We realise that Gordon Brown's purpose is to promote himself and his career but the English Democrats would reassure him that we don't constitutionally object to him becoming the Prime Minister of the U.K. - provided that there is a fair Devolutionary settlement for the English Nation - first!

The English Democrats rephrase Gordon Brown's flag flying call as a call for every English Patriot to put up a flag pole and to fly our flag - the Saint George's Cross!

(Everyone is entitled to do this, under the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 1992, under which a national flag, flown on a single vertical flagpole, is excluded from any planning control).

The English Democrats also rephrase Gordon Brown's call for a "Britishness Day" as a call for St

George's Day, April 23rd, to be our own English National Day.

We have now got a link on our website which will enable you to legally fly the Nation's flag for under £100. By doing so it will not only build up our own morale but reduce that of our enemies, both in the British Nationalist and in the Euro-fanatic camps. If we encourage others to also fly our flag it will be much easier for us to identify our supporters. So I would urge every English Patriot to take up the call to fly the flag.

Our next big opportunity to push the political debate forward occurs in the 4th May elections in which we need to have as many suitable candidates as we can manage. If you think you can help us with this, please do make contact with me or your Regional or County Organiser.

Last, but by no means least, your party needs not only your membership but also, of course, your money and therefore please do renew your membership and get all members of your family and friends to join also - I want to reach a target of 10,000 fully paid up members of the English Democrats Party before the tri-centenary of the end of the last English Parliament. We are organising a St George's Cross draped coffin funeral procession from Trafalgar Square to Parliament Square for the death of the last English Parliament on the 1st May 1707 - join us and be there!  
Robin Tilbrook  
Chairman



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# The English Lobby: More than One Dragon to Slay?

Until the devolution referenda in Scotland and Wales in 1997 the English Question was no more than academic and there was no need for what might be termed an "English Project". In parallel with the growing realisation of the serious disadvantages we suffer under the new arrangements, there has been an awakening of the English consciousness. Our political vulnerability has brought us awareness of our appalling cultural losses. Losses due not so much to our own negligence but to the calculated and sustained attacks of those who dislike us; attacks that are not only increasing in their ferocity but apparently enjoy official sanction, as is evident in the political sphere by the comments of Labour Party apparatchik Terry White (but a single example of numerous similar utterances made by many of his colleagues - amongst

them erstwhile Home Secretary, Jack Straw - since 1997), in the Arts, by productions such as "Blighty" (staged recently by the Barbican Theatre and also presented to primary school children) and in the media by the highly offensive diatribes of such as A A Gill and Yasmin Alibhai-Brown. It is, apparently, not now acceptable to be English in England and, it seems, we are being deliberately excised from the programme of British cultural life, even though we are the foundation and bulk of its totality.

We must not blame others, however; our customary tolerance and forbearance constitute "de facto" acquiescence and we alone are culpable for our dilemma. Yet there is nothing, inevitable, about the process and it is neither unstoppable nor irreversible. We can no longer accept with

resignation the routine denigration and sublimation of our culture and identity. We must respond vigorously, confronting and challenging our detractors whenever and howsoever we can, calmly and rationally but with determination and persistence, until Anglophobia, in England, is eradicated. That is the purpose of the English Lobby, brought into being to be nothing less than a watchdog for the English way of life. We have set ourselves an undeniably ambitious role but the English project is a monumental one and those of little ambition cannot hope to succeed in it. English reticence can no longer inhibit English sensitivity and it has no place in The English Lobby; we've too much to lose to be quiet any longer.

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## ENGLISH VOICE COMMENT

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What an amazing start to the New Year! A year ago it would have been hardly credible that Gordon Brown would be calling for more patriotism and the Lib Dems calling for a party review on their position regarding an English Parliament and the whole devolution agenda. Only the Conservatives are silent on patriotism!

It is also incredible that in the space of barely a month the LibDems will have lost their leader under the cloud of an alcoholism scandal and that one of the leadership hopefuls (Mark Oaten) would fall out of the race days before a damaging

revelation about his private life – real life IS stranger than fiction!

Adding to this round of good news, we have more journalists than ever writing pro English articles in almost every newspaper, and Lord Baker who attended the AGORA meeting in November (debating the future of an English Parliament) has sent a kind letter praising our (EDP) work in defending the interests of England, stating that this has "hitherto" been an unpopular subject.. "but whose time has come". Lord Baker has just introduced a Bill into the Lords paving the way for an English Parliament and we are eternally grateful to him. Added to that brilliant news we have had kind comments from columnist Minette Marrin (Sunday Times) who acknowledges much of our efforts have brought about this sea change in the English consciousness – and the new Archbishop of York who says he wishes to make it his mission to make the English proud of who they are! The CEP has also been a non partisan partner in the fight, but we also think the "Save England" mail shot we sent to 14 million households in the 2004 Euro Election had something to do with us gaining an impressive average of 600 votes per constituency in the General Election. This has concentrated the mind of both the establishment and the wider media community that we may truly be the voice of the growing English consciousness.

For many of us who have worked so hard for the Cause, you may from time to time have wondered whether it was worth all the effort and heartache? I think we can confidently pat ourselves on the back and take great pleasure from knowing that WE, collectively, have made the difference for England. It

has been a team effort and we share the success of English emancipation equally. The English Democrats have, despite all predictions to the contrary, broken through the critical three year barrier. We have avoided internal fights and bickering, by working for the greater good and have cast personal agendas aside in a spirit of English brotherhood.

We have stayed focused on the single objective of obtaining an English Parliament, that has avoided the danger of unnecessary conflict. We have also sought to create a political party that is based on age old English Liberal values, independent thinking for local councillors, small government and the liberty of people to live their lives without undue interference from the State. We have also worked co-operatively with anyone who shares our agenda, but have stuck firmly to our commitment to England, and in so doing have had to rebuff parties who would wish us to compromise this. 2006 could indeed be a turning point for the Cause. But even though we have made significant strides in just a few short years, there is still much work to do. We are in historic times and may soon see the biggest change to England as a nation and a people with regionalisation still on the agenda. But to ensure our legacy to our children will be one worth having, we must continue to campaign and continue to resist any attempts to stop England achieving her full democratic potential. The elections in May will be so important and why we ask all our friends, supporters and voters to keep up the pressure. Many thanks to every activist, England can be proud of these hearts of oak!

# A Private Members Bill aimed at ending the so-called West Lothian question has been backed by Lord Baker.



Former home secretary Lord Baker hopes the legislation would end the anomaly whereby Scottish and Welsh MPs can vote on English affairs in the House of Commons.

He asked why, following devolution of certain powers to the Scottish parliament, Scottish MPs could vote on English matters – which did not affect their constituents – but not the other way around. This situation is far from satisfactory and needs urgent attention.

Lord Baker introduced a Bill that would require the speaker of the House to decide the geographical jurisdiction of each Bill, and decide which MPs – English, Welsh or Scottish – could vote on it.

The issue has gained particular prominence in recent weeks following the introduction of the government of Wales Bill, which paves the way for the assembly to take on greater powers over matters such as education and health. This Bill has an amendment put in at the request of the English Lobby and sponsored by Frank Field MP (Lab) who has requested the following:

Clause 102, page 56, line 41, at end add—

*'(9) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section no referendum shall be held until legislation has been passed providing for the holding of a referendum throughout England on the creation of a National Assembly for England (however named) with at least the same powers and status as the National Assembly for Wales; such a National Assembly for England (however named) either to be separately elected or to be constituted by the Members of Parliament for constituencies in England sitting as the National Assembly for England (however named).'*

On the question of Scottish and Welsh devolution Lord Baker makes the following observations:

"They have the right to make their own laws. Once you have that situation in a unitary kingdom like the United Kingdom, should they be allowed to vote on English

matters?" Lord Baker told BBC Radio Scotland's Good Morning Scotland.

"I don't believe they should be, because they don't have any representation."

In addition, a number of controversial bills have recently been passed in Westminster with the help of Scottish and Welsh MPs. Lord Baker says the recent plans to introduce a partial smoking ban in England and Wales were carried by just one vote – a Scottish vote.

Describing this situation as "unacceptable", the peer warned: "I think this is going to get graver...With a smaller majority, [Tony] Blair is going to try to carry his education reforms and his reforms to the English health service by Scottish and Welsh votes."

Under the bill MPs would continue to vote on all matters that had not been devolved, such as foreign affairs, but domestic matters would be increasingly separate.

Lord Baker explained: "I believe the ultimate answer will be an English parliament, a Welsh parliament, a Scottish parliament and a Northern Irish parliament, with a smaller federal parliament maintaining the UK."

Conservative MP George Young has agreed to take the bill through the Commons.

## EGM LEEDS

18th March 2006

The EGM was held in Leeds on the 18th March where a raft of new initiatives and Campaigns were unveiled. The EDP headed northwards holding the event in the Thackray Medical Museum. The Museum is the inspiration of Paul Thackray, Grandson of Charles F Thackray, founder of the medical company bearing his name in Leeds. With the aid of a £3 million grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund the museum has been established from former workhouse buildings adjacent to St. James's hospital. Opened in 1997, the museum explains how life has changed in the last 150 years as a result of improvements in public health, medicine and healthcare.

### DONATIONS NEEDED

The EDP and English Lobby will be working hard over the next few months in the Cause of English Democracy and Culture. Donations, legacies and grants for our work are badly needed and will be used in the Cause of English emancipation.

If you think you can help, or you know of individuals or organisations who might wish to support our work please contact the Chairman, Robin Tilbrook. 0870 062 4555

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**"ENGLISH DEMOCRATS ACROSS THE COUNTRY NEED TO WRITE TO THEIR MP ASKING THEM TO BACK LORD BAKER'S BILL AND HAVE THE ISSUE OF AN ENGLISH PARLIAMENT PROPERLY RESOLVED, IF OUR DEMOCRACY ISN'T TO FALL FURTHER INTO DISREPUTE AND PUBLIC FRUSTRATION. THE PRESS ARE NOW KEEN TO SEE HOW LABOUR BEHAVES WITH ITS MINORITY OF VOTES IN ENGLAND – WILL THEY HAVE TO USE THEIR NON ENGLISH MPs TO GET ALL THEIR LEGISLATION PASSED IN ENGLAND?"**



# WE NEED OUR NATION!

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Roger Scruton, popular philosopher and writer on contemporary issues can be found at [www.rogerscruton.com](http://www.rogerscruton.com) and writes a compelling thesis on the need to keep the nation state. World government, the objective of neo-Liberals, is not Scruton argues the answer to our problems, but rather could be the beginning of a more serious threat to our democracy

In *The Need for Nations*, (published by the independent think-tank Civitas,) Roger Scruton argues that the nation state is the best guarantee we have of peace, prosperity and respect for human rights. Recent attempts to transcend the nation state by creating some kind of transnational political order have ended up either as totalitarian dictatorships like the former Soviet Union, or as unaccountable bureaucracies, like the European Union. In spite of this, the idea of the nation is under attack—either despised as an atavistic form of social unity, or even condemned as a cause of war and conflict, to be broken down and replaced by more enlightened and more universal forms of jurisdiction.

Without nation states Scruton argues:

- the sense of belonging on which democracy rests would be undermined.
- individual freedom would be much diminished.
- fundamental protections would be undermined.

The study challenges the idea that there

should be an international rule of law. All law must be enforced by an agency of some kind and, far from offering better protection against the abuse of state power, a single world government could threaten individual freedom. The more remote the government, the more difficult it is to subject it to constitutional checks and balances and the harder it is to 'throw the rascals out'.

Nations subject to liberal-democratic constitutions are the best solution so far devised to the problem of how to control the leaders. Enthusiasts for world government have yet to explain how they will check the abuse of power by international bodies. Human rights enthusiasts who wish to eradicate nations have a utopian view of human nature. Given human nature as it really is, nations under liberal-democratic constitutions offer the best solution so far devised to the problem of how to avoid the abuse of political power. Human rights and accountability Roger Scruton argues that rights are not secured by declaring them, but by having procedures to protect them. Only nation states have a record of such discipline (p.30).

.....The opportunity remains to recuperate the legislative powers and the executive procedures that formed the nation states of Europe. At the same time, the process has been set in motion that would expropriate the remaining sovereignty of our parliaments and courts, that would annihilate the boundaries between our jurisdictions, that would dissolve the

nationalities of Europe in a historically meaningless collectivity, united neither by language, nor by religion, nor by customs, nor by inherited sovereignty and law. We have to choose whether to go forward to that new condition, or back to the tried and familiar sovereignty of the territorial nation state (p.2).

## England needs to renew its self-confidence

England and the English have been singled out for attack by this lobby. Roger Scruton attributes their success to:

... the Celtic bias of the Labour Party, and a European élite intent on extinguishing the memory of the Second World War. Consciously or unconsciously, recent political decisions have had the undoing of England as their real or apparent objective. The English... are ruled from Westminster by a government composed largely of Scots, and by parliamentarians who do not hesitate to vote on English issues even when they represent Welsh or Scottish constituencies (p.34).

The destruction or remodelling of ancient constitutional safeguards like the House of Lords and the office of Lord Chancellor have been carried through by this Celtic lobby.

"The Need for Nations" is available at all good bookshops priced around £8.50 (Amazon) Civitas : Institute for the Study of Civil Society, 77 Great Peter St, Westminster, SW1P 2EZ.

'By Roger Scruton'

# Paul Adams – Town Councillor

I was elected as a town councillor for Crowborough in November last year. Crowborough is a town of some 25,000 people in East Sussex. It is surrounded by an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is also adjacent to the Ashdown Forest (setting for A A Milne's 'Winnie-the-Pooh' stories).

The town council consists of 16 councillors and has become a by-word for political point scoring between rival groups of Conservatives and Lib Dems; this, plus the fact that, unusually for a town council, the councillors pay themselves a generous 'allowance' of £1500 a year each for what in most other towns is considered a voluntary job, has brought them into disrepute with the electors.

I was keen to highlight the unproductive and self-serving nature of local politics in my election campaign.

When I was elected, one of my first tasks was to defend the party against racist allegations made anonymously. I subsequently discovered that it was the Lib Dems (what a surprise) who had primed a local journalist to quiz me on this issue.

I wanted to present myself as a 'breath of fresh air' in local politics - so I decided to announce publicly that I would be donating my Councillor's allowance to two local charities. I also write regular letters to the local press once every two to three weeks on issues that concern English Democrats - I'm careful to keep these brief and to the point to avoid too heavy editing by the paper and to help ensure that they are selected for publication.

I have landed up on the Environment and Sport and Recreation committees - as I am interested in both these areas this has worked well. I have also made myself known to some of the local organisations in the town and in my ward (such as a local residents' association) with the aim of building up some kind of more permanent group of supporters.

The next election for the council is not until May 2007, so I have time to get my feet under the table and try to make a difference. So far, I have found it interesting and not as time consuming as I had feared (I have a business to run as well as a family to consider). I would urge others to stand for election, particularly now that the Tories are busily abandoning some of the policies we are strong on - this gives us a window of opportunity in many areas.

## EDP ACTION-2006

*English Democrats are off to a flying start. Having battled against the "politically correct" Councils of Lambeth; Waveney; and Havant we have successfully helped to prevent the "banning" of Christmas! We start the year with a spring in our step and the scent of success, but we all know this is still a long journey and none of us can let down our guard – enemies of England are still keen to see us fail. What's happening in 2006?*

- A "Fly the Flag" Campaign to support our team in the world cup, and to show contempt for Gordon Brown's cynical attempt to rejuvenate Britishness. A competition to send in photos of the English flag flying in as many locations as possible will begin immediately – and photos will be posted on the cross of St. George website [www.crossofstgeorge.net](http://www.crossofstgeorge.net)

- Preparations for the May 2006 elections (4th) are in full swing and we will try and stand as many candidates as possible, hoping to draw attention to the continued break-up of England and Labour's damaging regional agenda – we must save our counties and county/district councils

- Support for Lord Baker's Bill to pave the way for a Parliament for England will be travelling through the Lords during February, so we will be working hard to make sure this Bill isn't lost and the media are fully aware of it. Keep writing to your MP about an English Parliament!

- Publicity for the "Wales Bill" designed to give more powers to the Welsh Assembly has been amended by Frank Field MP (Labour) on the advice of the English Lobby and Neil Addison, and Mr. Field has asked that no further devolution of powers to Wales be permitted, until an equivalent English Assembly has been created. We will provide support/PR/and Lobbying to keep this amendment

- The S.O.S. Campaign was launched at the EDP Party EGM and will gain momentum

during 2006. S.O.S? Save Our Shires... need we say more?!

- A major St. George's event will be taking place at the Circus Tavern in Kent where Garry Bushell will be announcing a line up of top national and international English artists, for a fun filled St. George's evening celebration, to raise money for a statue in memory of "Benny Hill".

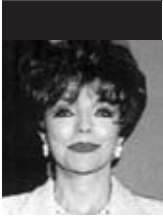
- More meetings of the English Constitutional Convention are planned and we hope to arrange a "cross party" briefing for MPs and Peers, to help them plan the progress and Constitutional implications of the creation of an English Parliament.

- Launch of EU Elections fundraising drive. We need to raise £250,000 (and preferably more) to contest the EU Elections in 2009 – that's in 3 years! We will be creating a number of mailers, events and fundraisers to help us find the money, if anyone knows any English philanthropists, patriots, and businesses who might be interested in assisting us with raising funds please contact Robin Tilbrook, advertisers to support the English Voice are also needed!

We will have a very busy in 2006, but as you can see all of our efforts are beginning to pay-off and success could be closer than any of had dared to imagine! Well done to everyone! Keep up the pressure – until England is free we must keep going and make sure our voice becomes louder and louder !

To volunteer, give ideas and suggestions either call our central party number  
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Or send us a note via the website  
**[www.englishsparty.com](http://www.englishsparty.com)**  
every member can get involved and we will support you wherever we can! Your support is always valued and appreciated.



# Britain Destroying itself from within

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A great civilization is not conquered from without until it has destroyed itself from within, said the American historian Will Durant about ancient Rome. This self-destruction of values is exactly what is happening in England today.

Yes, I still call the country of my birth England, in spite of the peculiar political correctness that insists that it be called 'the UK' and that we, its denizens, must be 'Britons'. Even though the Welsh are proud to call themselves Welsh, as are the Irish and certainly the Scots, woe betide the Briton who calls himself 'English' – a much-frowned-upon no-no. I believe that when a country loses so much respect for itself that it can no longer even be identified by its historically correct name, insecurity and lack of respect filter down to its inhabitants.

Recently, I have concluded that London is no longer the 'seat of civilised society' that the world once considered it to be, and is certainly not the safe city I grew up in. A particular

incident demonstrated the lack of respect and manners that is but a small example of the horrible, encroaching decay of the country that I love dearly. My husband Percy and I were at a ball at the Grosvenor House Hotel—a black-tie event attended by the so-called 'elite' of the city. As Percy held the door open to let me through, a 6ft tall, middle-aged, horse-faced male pushed past me, trod on the hem of my dress and rushed outside to climb into the taxi that the doorman had waiting for us.

This was a person who should, or at least looked like he should, have known better. The cause of his behaviour? The awful pervasive disregard that we have for civility today. Bump accidentally into someone in the street these days and you are soundly cursed. Look at a poor derelict collapsed in a doorway for more than a second and they'll spit at you. Surely everyone has experienced the barely suppressed rage lurking behind the faces of a vast number of car drivers. We've become the 'Whatcha lookin' at?' culture. Why do young

people consider it cool to be arrogant, swaggering and rude? Why do so many people in England seem so cynical and self-centred? I witnessed young, drunken jobs roaming the streets kicking cars, screaming insults, pushing people and even pushchairs out of their way, attacking each other viciously and then turning on the police when they tried to maintain order.

The whole scene evoked the image of hordes of inebriated Vikings sacking devastated towns. Even during the day, feral mobs roamed the cities with absolute disregard for anyone else's property or well-being. Traditional virtues of male chivalry and female propriety were very far from view. After all, a lack of manners and politeness in a society can only be a reflection of what the society thinks of itself.

It's frightful how being told that you are no good makes you hate yourself, and hate others. And it's frightful how quickly a whole country of self-loathers can be bred.

## Church of England seeing the light?

Under the leadership of Rowan Williams (Welsh) the Church of England for many has long lacked in its role as defender of Christian faith and moral authority. English Democrats worked hard, prior to Christmas, lobbying to prevent organisations from "banning Christmas" and felt the Church could have done much more to have defended the faith from such destructive opposition from anti-Christian groups.

The light however, may be starting to shine now that Bishop Sentamu (New Archbishop of York) has been enthroned. A native of Uganda, his unorthodox enthronement may not have been to the liking of English traditionalists, but his robust defence of

Englishness has been a surprising development, by one so closely associated with the explosion of political correctness in the wake of "Stephen Lawrence" he was an 'adviser' to the enquiry. Blair obviously felt he was making a very political statement in appointing Dr Sentamu, but it would appear that if he had thought the new Archbishop of York would be yet another New Blair "yes man" he is probably very mistaken!

Even before his enthronement Dr. Sentamu declared that multiculturalism had betrayed the English, and was quoted as saying "multiculturalism has seemed to imply, wrongly for me, let other cultures be allowed to express themselves but do not let the

majority culture at all tell us its glories, its struggles, its joys and its pains".

He also called for the English to rediscover their cultural identity by properly marking celebrations such as St. George's Day and that the failure of England to rediscover its culture afresh would lead only to greater political extremism. English Democrats have asked to meet with the Archbishop once he has settled into his new role and we look forward to reporting what practically follows on from these encouraging words. We wish him well in his new role and trust he will honour his commitment to England.

# ENGLISH THOUGHTS AND REFLECTION

If you ever need more motivation and confirmation that fighting for England is a Cause worth fighting for, then read the words of I vow to thee my country it says it all, words by Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918)

"I vow to thee my country all earthly things  
above Entire and whole and perfect, the service  
of my love; The love that asks no question, the  
love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the  
best; The love that never falters, the love that  
pays the price, The love that makes undaunted  
the final sacrifice

And there's another country, I've heard of long  
ago, Most dear to them that love her, most great  
to them that know, We may not count her  
armies, we may not see her King,  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is  
suffering; And soul by soul and silently her  
shining bounds increase, And her ways are ways  
of gentleness and all her paths are peace."

Patriotism is not racism, to suggest it is an  
analysis made by those who loathe England and  
the English – these are the true enemies of  
democracy and justice. We all need to work  
hard to challenge this prejudice and anti-English  
discrimination. The Scottish nationalists are not  
seen as racist, nor the Welsh. The Irish  
nationalists (who have killed many people in  
their Cause) are now seen as "respectable"  
politicians! English Democrats pledge  
themselves to restore Englishness to its proper  
place, to receive the respect the English deserve  
in England!

**Lee Ingram and EDP Member encapsulates  
these thoughts perfectly.**

## PATRIOTISM IS NOT RACISM

Drape St. George in the window,  
Let his cross coat the doors,  
Be proud of our culture,  
This grand heritage is yours,  
Relish our country's traditions,  
Strive for the rights of England,  
Honour this land aloud,  
Respect our English soldiers,  
Who gifted you this ground.  
Embrace its fresh green grass,  
Hills, gardens and streams,  
Pubs, chippies and football teams,  
Love that you are English,  
Adore that your blood is this,  
To all who view with cynicism,  
And debate that we hate?  
"Patriotism is not racism!"  
So let us cherish our native people,  
And our place,  
Without detest of any race.



*"A people that values its  
privileges above its  
principles soon loses  
both"*

*Dwight D. Eisenhower.*

## GARRY BUSHELL SPEAKS HIS MIND

Gordon Brown wants us all to be British  
again. Suggestions that Brown is playing up  
Britishness to try and play down his  
Scottish-ness are uncalled for. But entirely  
true.

Glum Gordon knows English voters won't  
wear a Tartan prime minister.

But what makes his dour vision particularly  
comical is that New Labour broke up Britain  
in the first place, chopping up the UK with  
the enthusiasm of Sweeney Todd  
dismembering a corpse.

Devolution has left us with a scandalous  
set-up that allows Scottish and Welsh MPs  
to vote at Westminster on matters that only  
concern the English.

There is an obvious solution: make the  
Commons an all English assembly and  
create a new, elected upper house to deal  
with British matters. But Gordon won't back  
that. What's in it for him?

- David Cameron, another Scot, now leads  
the Tories. The difference between him and  
Blair is so narrow it recalls the end of  
Animal Farm where the creatures looked  
from man to pig and pig to man but  
"already it was impossible to say which was  
which."

- The Festival of England is happening at  
the Circus Tavern in Purfleet, Essex on St  
George's Day this year. We're lining up a  
lively rock'n variety evening featuring  
household names.

Watch my website, [garry-bushell.co.uk](http://garry-bushell.co.uk), for  
details; tickets will be reasonably priced and  
available shortly.

Last year's St George's Day knees-up in  
Blackpool was a huge success, we had to  
turn away 450 people. This year's venue is  
larger (1100) but it's best to book early to  
avoid disappointment. Next year? Earl's  
Court! Maybe

Money made on the night will go towards  
the Benny Hill statue.

- It's said that celebrating St George's Day  
may give offence to other nationalities,  
diversity-junkies, al-Qaeda supporters,  
Guardian columnists and the like.

I'm not sure if it's true, but it would  
certainly be an added bonus.

- George Galloway has caused a pussy  
furore in Celebrity Big Brother. Odd that our  
moral spokesmen are more outraged by a  
shifty MP imitating a cat than they are by a  
slippery PM being George Bush's poodle.

Odder still that a TV show generates more  
debate than our leaders, covert drive to turn  
this once free country into a real Big Brother  
state: compulsory ID cards, DNA banks,  
24 hour camera surveillance

Just as well we can trust Tony. Isn't it?

- As I write, Faria Alam has been booted  
out after claiming that viewers are too racist  
to let a minority contender win. Most  
English people rightly detest bigotry but we  
dislike idiots playing the race card to cover  
up their own inadequacies just as much.

- Who is Faria? A nobody - famous, for  
sleeping with Sven, England's lacklustre  
Swedish manager. One of the first things  
she did in the house was to moan about  
"the bloody English". Great tactics, love.

Days later an Asian character on Coronation  
Street referred to locals as "white trash." Bad  
enough that the English are demonised by  
Hollywood. Now we're slagged off on TV in  
our own country.

- Brussels has told the government to set a  
date for going completely metric. Back in  
1989, I wrote in the Sun "give 'em an inch  
and they'll take 1.609km." People said I was  
crazy; even "extreme". Can I get those  
apologies now or later?



# FREE speech and double standards

Voltaire had it right when he declared "I disapprove of what you say but I defend to the death your right to say it". Like a de ja vu of Animal Farm, this noble sentiment has been salami sliced away with caveats and exceptions, championed by "well meaning" politicians, who sought to protect the vulnerable, but in the end only run the risk of enslaving us all.

Apparently we still have free speech, but not in terms of discussing race. Apparently we still have free speech but not in terms of discussing religion. We have free speech but not in terms of what is considered to be "incitement" or "offensive behaviour" or, or, or, – the list is mind boggling.

The bottom line is we do not have free speech. It was a troubling sight to see Nick Griffin of the BNP, acquitted of two charges of incitement to racial hatred, followed only days later by scenes of a loud and threatening mob of Islamic fundamentalists, protesting outside the Danish Embassy. There they were, waving placards which called for "death to the west" and the

"beheading" of those who offend against Mohammed, as they protested about a cartoon depicting Mohammed as a terrorist. So far no action or arrests have been made against those "inciting" racial hatred, however, Nick Griffin is to be prosecuted yet again until a jury is found that will convict him.

If we are to have laws which do not permit incitement to racial or religious hatred then they must apply *equally* to those who offend against such legislation. Picking and choosing who the Attorney General decides to prosecute on the basis of prejudice and bigotry, does a disservice to all of us. Either we are all subject to the law or there is no law. You cannot be "politically correct" in its interpretation, ie. Anti-Islamic fundamentalist protestors are unlawful, but pro Islamic Fundamentalist protesters are lawful. Muslims are offended that Islam is associated with suicide bombing and terrorism but perhaps that is because in so many places across the world Islam is seen as being synonymous with intolerance and violence. The louder and more menacing the objections to criticism from the fanatical elements within this religion, the louder the warning bell to liberal democracies, that they should not appease such people (N.B. Jack Straw). Religious zealots (from whatever religion) need to be confronted, challenged and

prosecuted for spreading fear, threats and intolerance. They should not be encouraged, rewarded or protected by laws which seek to silence criticism and public debate.

Now is the time a Bill of Rights for the people of England was enacted. Free Speech should become a constitutionally protected civil liberty, and legislation enacted to reduce the exercise of free speech should now be rolled back and the people freed without let or hindrance to say what needs to be said, with the protection from fear of prosecution by the law.

Charles Bradlaugh a famous English social reformer said back in the mid 1800's:

*"without free speech no search for the truth is possible...no discovery of truth is useful...Better a thousandfold abuse of free speech than the denial of free speech. The abuse dies in a day, but the denial slays the life of the people and entombs the hope of the race".*

Politicians would do well to heed this stark warning and stand up for the rights our forefather's died to protect. Having double standards is an intolerable attack on freedom of speech and must be resisted.

## Can the Liberal Democrats survive?

Many of us could see towards the back end of last year that the position of the Liberal Democrats was becoming very perilous. Their staunchly "pro European" stance, their support for regionalisation and their support for the end of Counties and England as a nation state, was starting to make them look completely unelectable. This was BEFORE the recent revelations.

The situation with Charles Kennedy was well known by people in the Westminster Village and many observers were surprised it had taken as long as it had to hit the headlines.

The recent revelations by Mark Oaten, was yet a further major blow to the party, which saw one of the most ambitious members of the front line team see his career crash and burn in sordid allegations, which seems pretty inexplicable, given the "happy family man" image he was keen to portray in the national media.

As some commentators said at the time, none of us are angels and most of us have the odd skeleton in the wardrobe, but to have a whole elephant carcass hanging in the front window and still go for the leadership of the LibDems, defies logic or

rational explanation! It was perturbing to many of us in the English Democrats to see Oaten's place taken on the front bench by yet another Scottish MP. In the light of the forced revelations from Simon Hughes about his private life he is also likely to lose out in the leadership race, which could leave Menzies Campbell (yet another MP from a non-English constituency) as the LibDems likely new leader.

Lib Dems have however, a golden opportunity to come back from the brink. They are currently debating three options regarding devolution which they hope to conclude by their Party Conference in September.

They are currently looking at the English devolutionary situation and the options out for deliberation are:

- 1) Do nothing – (which would be a predictable LibDem solution)
- 2) Back regionalisation – (very unpopular and likely to break them)
- 3) Back a Parliament for England – (only practical choice)

If the LibDems took the bold decision to redress the imbalance created by Labour's

partial devolution, then they could potentially change the course of history and embarrass both Labour and the Conservatives who don't have the courage or the principles to give to England what they have already given to the rest of the UK.

LibDem attempts to appeal to the electorate, by their support of what is called "localism" (devolving power to local communities) is at variance with their support for "regional" government, which encourages centralisation of power at the region and with Brussels. The only way "localism" could have any meaning on the ground, is if we had a "federal" UK, and an English Parliament devolving power back to County and local government. The Treasury doesn't have the money, the support, or the public mandate to destroy our local government structure and dispense with counties. Keeping what we have and making it better and more responsive is the only sensible way forward – *if it aint broke, don't fix it!* We will watch the Lib Dems with interest over the next few months, if it carries on like the last few weeks they may simply fade into the history books under a rather spectacular mushroom cloud!

## NEW CONSERVATIVES



## MASKING THE TRUTH?

It has taken the Conservatives an awfully long time to get out of the woods and many of us feel that the election of Cameron as leader, may not by itself, free them from the marsh they are now stuck in. Many of us have been aghast at the direction in which Cameron is taking the Conservatives – emulating New Labour and appealing to Lib Dems to join them. For the Eurosceptics we find this direction puzzling indeed, why would a party that has made known its intention to become more Eurosceptic seek to recruit Europhiles?

Conservatives pledge yet more money and initiatives for multicultural activities, failing to grasp the nettle of “integration” and the need to encourage immigrants to share our English identity. We cannot afford the level of public sector expense we already have, suggesting it will increase will push our taxation into the stratosphere! The OECD has accepted that Britain now has higher taxes than Germany, (and they had the reunification of half their country to pay for). Is Cameron masking the truth or is he really serious that yet more money will be ploughed into the failing Blairite policies, which have created the largest social divisions in our society since the Victorian age?

Most of us know that it isn't because the public want more immigration, more Blairite policies, more political correctness, more public sector, and more bog standard schools that they keep voting Labour – but the Conservatives have been a dreadful opposition over the last 10 years, lacking direction and focus and people are not voting to “punish” the Conservatives for betraying the nation. When you look at the results from the last election, people didn't rush out to vote Labour in preference to the Conservatives – quite the contrary. Labour

had the lowest proportion of the vote since the 1920's, and the Conservatives achieved a small swing in their direction, and the Lib Dems had a minor swing to them. The most startling statistic was the number of people who simply didn't bother to vote – what were they saying? They certainly weren't saying more Blair please!!

Politics is a strange business. “Collective Responsibility” was the reason (allegedly) why David Davis back peddled away from his declared support for a Parliament for England. Many of us feel that the biggest hurdle for the Conservatives is to acknowledge that England exists, and then having established that, for them to back a Parliament for England and stop the mealy mouthed solution of ‘English Votes on English Laws’ (EVOEL) fudge – which would be unworkable.

If the Conservatives are ever to renew their fortunes they have got to start developing a back bone and a set of principles which people can believe in. If they believe in democracy – back England's right to it. If they are against Political Union with Europe – stand up to the EU. Faith and belief in the political classes is at such a low ebb that any obvious deceptions, hypocrisy, wavering, or double dealing will exasperate the electorate further, and our very democracy and public participation could reach a dangerous low point. Glitz, glam and spin will only get the Conservatives so far – Cameron has to prove to the electorate he has grit and principle can he do that if he is masking the truth?

Over the next few months we will attempt to engage with the Conservatives on the English question and their supposed commitment to withdraw from the regional assemblies. Walking the talk is now needed. The public need to know what Cameron stands for, we don't need another pinnocchio!

## Gordon Brown has rediscovered British patriotism!

One has to ask why Brown wants us to celebrate our Britishness, when he and Blair have spent the last 10 years trying to destroy it! Fortunately, the whole national press and the English in particular, saw through his much belated conversion to patriotism. His concern is that he will be the “de facto” First Minister of England – prior to devolution that would not have been a problem – post devolution it is a potential nightmare for him....a First Minister for England without one English constituency having voted for him? Well, he had better think up something fast – but being a convert to Britishness won't save him!

## HERCEPTIN AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT SCOTLAND

In the wake of the tragic ruling against the breast cancer patient Ann Marie Rogers, where the Court of Appeal refused to uphold her claim to life saving cancer treatment, The Scotsman newspaper of the 17th February confirmed in its own investigation that Scots cancer patients receive the drug Herceptin even though it is denied to those living South of the border.

This outrage and manifest unfairness, is made all the more intolerable when we know that English Taxpayers are providing a surplus of funding to Scotland's public sector as a direct result of the iniquitous Barnett Formula.

Clearly, under this Labour administration an English life is worth less than a Scottish life, it is a pity the people of England are not aware of the contempt with which they are held by Blair and his Labour party!

## DOUBLE STANDARDS IN WALES AND SCOTLAND

> BY MIKE BLUNDELL - NC MEMBER

There are 129 members of the Scottish Parliament and 60 members of the Welsh Assembly. None of 189 representatives are from a racial minority, or in the phrase of the Scottish Commission For Racial Equality members of a: “visible ethnic minority”.

This is true for the current parliamentary assembly term as it was for the last parliamentary assembly term. So despite having over 370 opportunities to get a member of a visible ethnic minority elected neither the Labour, Conservative or Liberal Democrat parties have managed it. This is despite having party lists in addition to first past the post.

The next time anyone from these parties raises the issue of racism, challenge them on their performance in Scotland and Wales. Their performance in Scotland and Wales makes them very open to attack on the grounds of double standards (one for England and another for Scotland/Wales) and hypocrisy.

# THE EARLY ENGLISH (c400 – 1100AD) BY JOHN CHATWIN

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Like today's English, these people are almost totally ignored by politicians, the media, and the Department of Education, yet by the time of their virtual destruction in 1066, they had developed the richest, and most sophisticated unified state in Europe, a highly civilised people of whom we can be proud, indeed grateful.

The media, in particular the Daily Mail some years ago, would have us believe that the so-called 'Anglo-Saxons' spoke in grunts, couldn't afford meat, ran around in skins, lived in straw hovels, and that William the Conqueror (or 'The Bastard' in English manuscripts) lifted them from 'the Dark Ages'; nothing could be further from the truth!

Strange is it not, that the series of programmes on 'What the ----- did for us' does not include the early English? So, just what did these folk contribute to our way of life?

For starters, we have the language; English, the most widely spoken language in the world (Mandarin Chinese may be spoken by a larger number, but within a confined area). It is also, far and away, the most widely spoken second language. We flagellate ourselves far too much (at least the woolly liberals do) over our lack of a second language, but then, which language should we choose to be understood by the greatest number of people?

Then, of course, our common law, which has roots in the early period; pragmatic, practical, for ordinary people, and full of common sense. The first laws in Europe to be written in a mother tongue, in the early 600s. The jury system, uncertain whether of Scandinavian or English origin, originated during this period.

Our sense of humour, too, probably has these old roots; the irony, the cynicism, the ability to laugh at ourselves!

On the downside, our drinking habits were renowned throughout Europe at the time, yet, nevertheless, blind drunkenness was frowned upon – mainly because it caused vulnerability. A definition of drunkenness survives, less scientific than today's, but very observant!

They also perhaps passed on their sense of equality. Whilst society was fairly rigidly structured, the nobility was of their own race, and below that level it was possible to move up (or down) the scale. Women had more freedom then, than at any time until the Married Women's Property Act of 1882, or indeed until the '60s 'liberalisation'. Property could be owned outright by women, (much to the surprise of the Norman occupiers towards the end of the period), and divorce laws, until the early 1000s, were broadly similar to today's.

'Democracy' (remember that vaguely?). Even that has roots in this period of our history. While much of European peasantry was having decisions imposed from the top, English freemen had their 'folcgemot' (literally folk-meet), which tended to be replaced by parishes in the 10th C, where opinions were freely expressed, passed to the Hundred Court, thence the Shire Court, and then, unlike within Europe, direct to the king by the Shire-reeve (Sheriff), rather than disappearing under the interests of the nobility. Not to say that the nobility was generally dishonest or

self-seeking; as judges, their powers had been delegated by the king, and punishment was severe for any not acting with total integrity. This influence from the bottom up probably averted three civil wars in the years prior to 1066, Norman rule then throwing us into this most evil of wars within a few decades of their unfortunate arrival. Contrast this influence by ordinary early English people to Blair's bright Britain, where our ancient parish councils find it virtually impossible to operate, and the powers of our even older shires are being handed over to the undemocratic, unwanted, and probably illegal, regional assemblies. Another procedure, lost with the Normans, was that there was a Witan, or council, which whilst selected by the king, was traditionally not beholden to him (depending on the king's wisdom!). There are a number of manuscript references to 'the king and his council decided -----' and, indeed in the king's absence, the Witan could act independently. It was also the responsibility of this council to choose the next king (normally from a pool of family members), and generally speaking this worked well, with the best for the job being selected, rather than simply the eldest. A fledgling parliament, soon dispensed with by the Normans.

Other things passed down to us have been: a united England, since around 937; a well-organised administrative structure; a military machine second to none, including a strong navy through the ages (the 100% 'Viking' superiority in sea battles is something of a myth).

The above is just part of the influence these pioneers in sub-Roman Britain still exercise over the English of today. Their origins lay in the migration of a number of tribes from North West Europe in the 400s, pushed by peoples from the east, possible rising sea levels in the North, and pulled by the attraction of a crumbling Roman Empire to the South and West. The Angles and Saxons were but two, these being joined by Jutes, Frisians, Swabians etc in their bid to settle in the rich lands of Britain.

Government diktat is that schools should describe the 'Anglo-Saxons' as just one group of many 'invaders', (despite the fact that all subsequent immigration has successfully integrated, until the 20th C) and there is to be no reference to these initially disparate tribes forming the 'English'. 'Invaders' is the wrong word; connections had already been established through the Roman habit of employing Germanic mercenaries in the late 300s, and much of the early settlement was by invitation, partly for protection against the Picts (the Scots were still in Ireland!), and partly to increase agricultural production to help support a top-heavy administration. There is also a suspicion that empty land was available through periodic plagues following the trading routes from the large cities of Southern Europe. It is not until the late 500s, the time of the so-called 'king' Arthur, that we see westwards pressures by these tribes on the Britons and Welsh (often regarded as the same). Thus, the fighting was more in the nature of a civil war rather than invasion. The extent of racial mix with the Celtic population is difficult to ascertain, and probably depends totally on local circumstances. It is possible London held out until the late 500s, Aylesbury certainly being recorded in British hands at this time, but the beginnings of the end came by 604 when the peninsular of the 'Celtic fringe' are separated following successful battles in Galloway, Chester and Bath.

From this point onward these tribes could concentrate on coalescing into kingdoms. Forget the so-called 'heptarchy'; Northumbria was in two independent halves, present-day Lincolnshire had its own dynasty, to the West of which was the last remaining inland Celtic kingdom; Norfolk, Suffolk, present-day Cambridgeshire made up East Anglia, Essex was independent, Middlesex may have been so, as 'Surrey' means the 'South region', Kent (the oldest), Sussex, Wessex, the Kingdom of the Hwicce (Wychwood area), and Mercia in the Midlands, itself made up of a number of peoples who may have had their own dynasties.

As time passed, of course, these kingdoms gradually amalgamated, not always by force, with, roughly, Kent dominating in the 500s/600s, Northumbria in the 600s/early 700s, Mercia in the 700s, and Wessex from the 800s, the latter being responsible for bringing about English unity.

All this progress was to be interrupted in 793 by our Scandinavian cousins, the 'Vikings' (who lately have had something of a whitewash) who obliterated Europe's main centre of learning in their famous raid on Lindisfarne. Little else is actually recorded until the 830s when they are back with a vengeance and doing all the nasty things the non-pc history books tell us! We are lucky that in 825 the kings of Wessex seized the initiative in English dominance and began a dynasty of six generations of strong (and wise) kings, for by 874 the remaining kingdoms of East Anglia, Northumbria and Mercia had succumbed to an increasingly well-organised Danish army, now bent on political power (but nevertheless continuing the old habits of theft and rape).

Enter King Alfred, who without doubt must rank with Liz I, Nelson, Wellington, and Churchill as a saviour of the nation. Only 21/22 at the time of his election in 871, Alfred was already a battle-hardened warrior, having fought alongside his elder brother in his teens. By 877 numerous battles had been fought, with mixed success. Fighting tended to subside in the Winter months, and Alfred and his young family spent Christmas in Chippenham. Somewhat rudely, the Danes interrupted the festivities, Alfred, family, and friends narrowly escaping death. By Easter, they surface in the marshes of Somerset, at Athelney (which loosely means Royal Island) where he dug in, and here we have the first documented example of the English indulging in guerrilla warfare, with raiding parties keeping the Danes busy. The English system of raising an army was by then well-honed, and it says much for their communication system which enabled them to raise troops in Danish held Wessex. As implied above, the country had thousands of meeting points, not only for local discussion, but also as pre-determined points to assemble an army. At that time each shire, under its 'Ealdorman' raised its own army, and this particular one was combined from Wiltshire, Dorset and Hampshire. To cut a long story short, the Danes were well thrashed at Edington, their leader, Guthrum, being allowed to rule the East Angles, and England to be divided between English and Danes, with equality for each people within each area.

This could only be temporary, and continuing problems from the Danes, both within and without England, led to Alfred, then his son Edward (and daughter Athelflaed in Mercia) re-extending English

influence through a system of fort-building into occupied areas (much as William the Bastard did after 1066, 'though of course, his intention was to suppress rather than defend, the English).

By the time of Edward's death in 925, the Danelaw was part of the English state which was becoming unified as far North as the Humber.

It was left to Edward's eldest son, Athelstan, to unify England in three well-documented campaigns. The final battle in 937, was long referred to as the 'Mother of Battles', and any Scot, if he knows his history, should tremble at the mention of 'Brunanburh'! Unfortunately we cannot even be certain of the location of one of the most important battles in English, nay British, history, (like Alfred's Edington totally ignored by the Snobs on Channel Four's turning point British battles). Latest wisdom indicates that the battle probably took place in/on the Wirral, which makes sense as the English, divided into West Saxon and Mercian contingents, took on a combined army of: Danes, Norwegians from Ireland, Cumbrians, Welsh, Cornish, and, of course, Scots – who were in trouble having broken their truce twice and failed to pay their tribute! A heroic poem is still extant giving details of this battle.

There are degrees of unity, but certainly from 937, apart from a brief period around York, we had one king, one coinage, and new laws were applied nationally.

With the Viking problem out of the way until the 980s, England enjoyed, with the Scandinavian settlers now good citizens, two generations of rapidly increasing prosperity, building up a huge trade surplus, which unfortunately made the Danegeld a nice easy alternative to fighting the next wave of Danes from 980, when they seized the opportunities provided by a dynastic spat. This led to 36 years of truly miserable warfare, badly led by Athelred 'unraed', at the end of which a brief resurgence of English fortune under his son was replaced with defeat by Danish Cnut, who led the country well, with English councillors, for the next 20 years. It is interesting to note that, despite Athelred's poor leadership, the settled Danes generally sided with their English compatriots against the new wave. 1042 saw the restoration of Alfred's line, in the form of Edward (he Confessor), virtually a foreigner having been brought up in Normandy (his mother's home) from the age of about 9 in 1014. Here he had met his distant, younger, relative, William, bastard son of the Duke of Normandy.

Edward's closeness to his Norman favourites, along with his inability to produce an heir, led to strains between him and his council, led by the future King Harold's father, Earl Godwin. These strains resulted in a power struggle in the 1050s leading to the temporary exile of the Godwins, one of the occasions where the thegns (equivalent to the later yeomen) from each side refused to fight fellow Englishmen. It was possibly at this point, if indeed it happened, that Duke William visited Edward who supposedly indicated that William would be King of the English on his death, a power not in his remit, and presumably unlikely to be acceptable to the Witan. With the popular Godwin restoration, and the Norman 'advisers' homeward bound, stability resumed, apart from the lack of an heir. Still alive, and somewhere in Europe, were two of Edward's

nephews. The elder was tracked down, and having led an adventurous exile in Scandinavia, Kiev, and Hungary, was reluctantly brought home, with his family, as prospective heir. This Edward, Edward the Exile, died on arrival (foul play is not suspected[?!]) in 1057, and his son, Eadgar, was about five years old. His elder daughter Margaret married the Scottish king making the link between the earliest West Saxon kings, and our present Queen.

Theories abound as to why Harold, by then premier Earl, and probably virtual ruler, sailed, in 1064, to the territory of a prospective enemy. My favoured theory is that he decided to approach William for the return of his youngest brother and a nephew, given as hostages by Edward to William to ensure the latter's accession. The so-called 'Bayeux Tapestry' (Canterbury Embroidery) appears to show Edward's strong disapproval of this visit. As most readers will know, William used Harold's military prowess to help suppress the Bretons, and forced an oath from Harold not to resist William's accession on Edward's death. We fully accept nowadays that a forced oath is without meaning, and whilst similar at the time, the use of holy relics would have been, at the least, unsettling.

In 1065 Harold's popularity increased following the defeat of a serious Welsh invasion, and the removal of his brother Tostig, from the Northumbrian earldom following a rebellion against his 'bad attitude'. This enabled Harold to feel dependent on the replacement Northern Earl and the latter's brother, the Mercian earl, Harold marrying their sister.

Once secure in the North, he raised his defences in the South, while William raised an army from Normandy and surrounding areas.

Tostig, meanwhile, with a massive chip on his shoulder, allies himself with Harald Hardrada of Norway, leader for 17 years of the most fearsome and battle-hardened army in Europe. Harald conjured up a spurious claim to the English throne, and sent his massive fleet of 300 ships into the Humber, an army of perhaps 10/15000 men. Earls Edwin and Morcar with around 3000 men stood little chance at Fulford Gate, South of York, and the Norwegians forced a truce with its citizens, who were instructed to raise hostages to guarantee good behaviour. The English military organisation enabled an army to be raised rapidly, by rotation, from estates and towns around the country. Service in the field was usually for two months, with pay of 4d daily (as much as the later mediaeval soldier) raised from local taxation. In 1066 four such armies were raised, an amazing feat.

With the usual transport delays, Harold was not expected at Stamford, near York, for many days, and on 25th September, a warm late Summer's day, many of the Norwegians were basking in the sunshine without their chain mail, waiting for the promised hostages. What a mistake to make, they thought, as Harold's army descended on them like a flight of Valkyries via the A60. Like Hastings later, this was an all-day affair, and in the ensuing bloodbath both Tostig and Harald were killed, and the remainder retreated to their ships, but not before several hundred were killed in a last stand (as proved by a recent find of Scandinavian skeletons). Of the 300 ships that had arrived a week or so previously, it took only 24 to take home the survivors. But for Hastings

less than three weeks later, Harold would be best remembered for ending the 'Viking Age'.

TV programmes will have us believe that Harold then marched his weary foot-soldiers South to Hastings. No. Apart from having done their duty, and in no fit state to finish the usual tour of duty, and able to march only 20 miles daily maximum, the infantry would have been free to make their way home, leaving Harold, and the remainder of his horsed housecarls (the professional army as opposed to trained militia) to raise yet another army as they approached London.

By this time William had landed at Pevensey, carried out the usual Norman/Viking procedure of intimidation, and set up a fort at Hastings, at that time on a peninsula within easy reach of his ships; a sensible move in view of his first-hand knowledge of Harold's military skills.

Harold is often criticised at this point for not waiting longer to build up a large army, of which the system was fully capable. Certainly perhaps he should have waited for more archers. However, a surprise attack had helped win the day at Stamford and perhaps he had the same idea for Hastings. Sussex was also part of his old Earldom, and he may have known the terrain well enough to know that the likely hills available for assembly would not take an army of over a few thousand.

Once assembled in London over a period of 6 days to allow for rest, planning and training, the army marched South, camping overnight in or near woods North of the battle site. The Norman accusation that the lads were drinking and carousing all night while the Normans were praying, is bulls--t. A well-organised army, with a fight for life in prospect, simply does not do that, particularly under good generalship, which it certainly had.

Without going into detail, October 14, 1066, can be recorded as the low point of English history. There were a large number of reasons, excuses if you're a Europhile, which militated against a win. However, the major one on the day would have been the depletion of Harold's professionals at Stamford to the point that they formed too small a proportion of the total army at Hastings. These professionals had not only to form a solid core, but also to be distributed amongst the militia, the fyrd, to encourage and lead. Fatally, they were too thin on the ground.

English resistance began that day, the late arrivals from London assembling in 'bad ditch' (OK, 'mal fosse') and nearly turning the result as the fleeing English jumped into this ravine, with the Normans following. Quite a surprise for them to meet fresh troops!

There followed about five years of active armed resistance, failing only through the lack of mobile 'phones, and William's nasty habit of building strategic castles. Want to know what probably happened to the other 270 ships at Stamford? Another story!!

#### **J Chatwin.**

Talks on all aspects of this period are available to groups.

Send for details to **johnandsue@chatwin43.fsnet.co.uk** I'll be glad to answer any queries arising from the above.

# Letters to the Editor:

DEAR EDITOR,

Last October I managed to get an appointment to see my MP Stephen Byers – and I asked him what he and his party would do for the English. He seemed more than a little annoyed at this question but in a long winded manner, said we would be treated “the same as everyone else”! I asked if we could have an English Parliament – he said there was no demand for one. I asked him what made him think there was a demand for “regional assemblies” he said something had to be done about the North/South divide. He seemed in a state of denial about the English question.

I feel that Labour are morally bankrupt, its philosophy is flawed and it has made a terrible mistake by “brutally” discriminating against the single most powerful ethnic group in the UK – the English. The English will condemn New Labour back into the political wilderness ....

SENT IN BY DAS – NORTHUMBRIA

**ED: IT'S NOT ONLY LABOUR WHO WILL BE CONDEMNED, BUT THE CONSERVATIVES AND LIB DEMS WHO HAVE STOOD ON THE SIDE LINES AND HAVEN'T LIFTED A FINGER TO OBJECT!**

DEAR EDITOR,

My favourite phrase is “there will always be an England” which is from a well known verse in a well known song.

I think that the English Democrats motto should be “England expects every man will do his duty” a very pertinent phrase during election time, me thinks we should have the famous flag signal Nelson ordered as part of our logo what does the EDP think about this?

BARRY FAUST

**ED: A NICE IDEA, I WILL PASS IT ONTO THE NC FOR AN ANSWER. AT LEAST WE DO NOT HAVE TO SACRIFICE A LIFE IN OUR PATRIOTIC STRUGGLE, UNLIKE MANY THOUSANDS BEFORE US. STANDING UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT IS A SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR DOING ONE'S DUTY THESE DAYS!**

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# Hatred of religion outlawed?

Freedom of speech reached a new low with Labour's detested Religious Hatred Bill being pushed through the Parliament, amid fierce objections and total rejection by the Lords. Apparently by the time the Lords had completed the first reading the only thing that was left in the Bill was its name! Clearly, it is a nonsense and yet another example of the disgusting contempt Blair and his cronies have for English Free Speech. Rowan Atkinson spoke up bravely against any attempts to stifle debate on any religion and he sees that the only effect of this law would be a “chilling” effect on public debate.

“Incitement to religious hatred” of course can be interpreted in many different ways, and the Attorney General will be the only arbiter, we know how politicised and corrupted the legal system has become, how can anyone have any faith in it? If convicted, a penalty of up to 7 years in prison will be inflicted on the perpetrator! This law is a disgrace to our Liberal freedoms and should be vehemently opposed. The tragedy is that this is England in 2006. Please continue to write to your MP to object to this curtailment of our free speech. All liberal

based parties should campaign for its removal. It is clearly designed to prevent any political party identifying any religion in terms which are less than complimentary. Irrespective of whether the religion advocated child sacrifice; homophobia; sex discrimination; limb amputation; or planting bombs to kill innocent people in the name of that religion. The unintended consequences of this Bill could be far reaching. It might require certain texts in the Bible and Quran to be “edited” if complaints are raised against them.

Christian Voice  
([www.christianvoice.org.uk](http://www.christianvoice.org.uk)) reports that Charles Clarke MP, wrote to every Mosque in the country before the election promising to bring this Bill in if elected. English Democrats stood against Charles Clarke to expose both his and Labour's contempt for free speech. Even “Socialist Worker” ([www.socialistworker.co.uk](http://www.socialistworker.co.uk)) during their conference

agreed that this Bill was “New Labour cynically trying to recover the support of Muslims by proposing the bill” after the negative effects of the Iraq war.

All religions should be confident enough to shrug off insults. The overreaction of certain religions to humour, critical debate and valid observations about them, is worrying, because it exposes their intolerance and offends against progressive ideas and freedom of speech.

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## Getting England back to work

Ed Abrams (NC Member)

Its six months now since we decided to launch the Workers of England Trade Union and to date I am pleased with just how far we have come.

As I'm sure people will realise, starting any organisation from scratch is difficult and particularly when you have to fight on so many fronts. We not only have to engage potential members but we have to fight against over 100 years of discrimination against the workers of England. I am sure that we still have a mountain to climb and today we are just at the foot of it, but as we all know, anything that can better our nation and put our respective causes on the map is well worth doing.

Having started this organisation and engaged bodies such as the TUC, it has become even more apparent to me that there is a place for our trade union, the constant discrimination against us is there to see if you just scratch the surface. I have applied for TUC affiliation and came against a number of obstacles that have been put in our way hoping that we will crawl back under the stone we came from, the established unions and TUC are dead against our organisation even though they actively encourage Scottish and Welsh unions!

We have also begun to lobby the CBI as we are actively fighting the continued drain on English jobs moving outside of England and I have requested a meeting with Sir Digby Jones asking for the CBI's clarification on this matter. The argument about outsourcing being consumer driven is rubbish and our union will expose this lie for what it really is.

I have begun to lobby people from all areas of the English community but surprisingly came up against some negativity from people I thought would support our aims and goals. Their argument about "reinventing the wheel" is not just or right. For if the unions and TUC's gave a damn for the workers of England then there would be no need for us to start our union in the first place.

I have a clear message for the doubters, the Workers of England Trade Union is here to stay and will continue to fight against the clear and racial discrimination against our workers.

However, although our membership is continuing to rise we still need help, therefore I ask you all to offer assistance and help us expose and smash the hatred that there is towards England and her working people.

If you are interested in joining or helping out then please contact the following  
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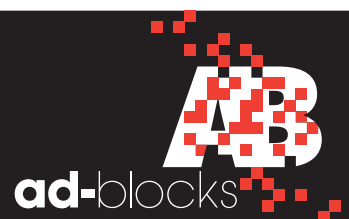
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Julian Lloyd Webber, Vice-President and artist

# The English Music Festival

How would one feel if English art galleries were suddenly devoid of paintings by Turner, Constable, Gainsborough, Burne Jones and other great English artists? And if, on enquiry, one was told that they had been removed because they were considered unfashionable and inferior to their Continental counterparts or avant-garde contemporary artists?

This is precisely what has happened to English music. English composers of the early twentieth century in particular are scoffed at, perceived as fuddy-duddy, simplistic, rustic and inferior to both their foreign contemporaries and today's "modern" composers. Involuting concert repertoires mean that a clique of popular "classics" has arisen, and very few English works make it into the shortlist, apart from the few done-to-death lip-service pieces such as Holst's Planets or Elgar's Enigma Variations. As well as having to struggle against the fact that concert managers are not willing to programme anything other than contemporary dustbin lids, or the established classics, English music also has to deal with bureaucracy and prejudice in radio and television, and it has the serpentine, all-pervading, ever-encroaching epidemic of political correctness as its sparring partner. By virtue of the very fact that English music is a product of our own, glorious, culture and heritage, a black mark is made against it in the PC stakes - and

this also, of course, leads to great difficulties for anyone trying to promote this music.

Meanwhile, the fact that CD sales of this music are rocketing, and are amongst record companies' top sellers, as well as the fact that almost all the 2005 English Music Promenade Concerts sold out, indicate that this music has great appeal and, in contrast to its detrimental and mistaken image, is deeply exciting.

The result of this disregard, however, is that composers such as Bainton, Holbrooke, Holst and Vaughan Williams - once familiar household names - have all but disappeared from the concert hall, despite a tremendous demand for their music. Altogether, a vast number of pieces of the highest craftsmanship - ranging from exquisite, gorgeously lyrical songs and tone poems by the likes of Quilter, Bowen and Bax, to the epic operas of Bantock and Vaughan Williams's powerful symphonies prognosticating the war - have all but disappeared from national recognition. This is why I am establishing an English Music Festival. In October 2006, the beautiful abbey at Dorchester-on-Thames will play host to performers of the calibre of Julian Lloyd Webber, in a 5-day annual event celebrating English composers and culture in general. Music from mediaeval times to the present day will be featured,

with a focus on the early twentieth century, and English products, art and literature will also be showcased.

Of course this is a tremendously ambitious project and I desperately need help to raise funds. If you think you can help in any way, or have any useful contacts, please do let me know - and help me make this ground-breaking project happen, turning the tables on this insane prejudice against some of the most beautiful music ever composed.



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# The End of Political Correctness ?

Why are words like "equality" "diversity" and "tolerance" little more than code words for their opposites? Why do bureaucrats continue to spout meaningless platitudes about "social cohesion" "inclusion" and "multi-culturalism" when what we have are fractured, desperate communities condemned to languish within a system that has simply failed to deliver?

The hard left and do-gooder brigade, with the help of billions of pounds of public funds, have managed to create a poisonous "race industry" which finds fault with everything, and can never report good news because this would undermine its own, self serving objectives. Whether it's Sir Iain Blair making the ludicrous claim that the murders of white people gain more attention in the media than those of ethnic minorities (neatly ignoring the staggering levels of coverage gained in the wake of Stephen Lawrence, Victoria Clumbie, Anthony Walker, Damilola Taylor, and Letitia Shakespeare amongst many others), witch hunts abound. From a country free to do anything unless it was against the law, we are now free to do nothing unless we get permission ! English Democrats and our voters reject what England has become and herald the end of this black period in our history.

Anthony Browne, in his book "The Retreat of Reason" (published by Civitas £9.50 +p&p) describes "political correctness" as a "heresy of liberalism". It seeks to classify certain groups of people as victims in need of protection from criticism and allows no dissent to be expressed. Members of the public, academics, journalists and

politicians, he feels, are afraid of thinking certain thoughts as a result. Whether an argument is true or not is a secondary consideration to whether it fits with the PC view of the world. Women are paid less than men because they are being discriminated against (but maybe women have different work life choices and child care breaks). The explosion in HIV infection is blamed on teenagers having unsafe sex, when African immigration has been proven to be the cause. The rise in anti-semitic attacks is blamed on "white skinheads" but Muslim youths have been found to be largely responsible. Africa getting poorer, is put down to the West not giving enough aid, when bad governance is rife and billions of aid has disappeared into the pockets of corrupt government officials.

However, ignoring the truth helps no one, least of all those communities dubbed as "marginalised" or "failing". Black communities, Browne argues, are encouraged to blame racist teachers for the failings of their boys at school, rather than re-examine their own culture and attitude to education. Racism against minorities doesn't seem to have affected Asian youth who now excel within the education system – but both groups experience the same educational system – political correctness hates to face the facts.

To Browne, political correctness is the invention of western intellectuals who feel guilty about the universal triumph of western values and economic prosperity, however the threats from the emerging East and Islamic terrorism will herald the death of

this malign influence. We can help it on its way, Browne argues, by standing up against it and he suggests some practical actions which include:

1. Protect Free Speech with an equivalence to the first amendment of the US Constitution
2. A binding referendum should be called on any proposal if supported by a certain percentage of the population. "Citizen Initiatives"
3. Un PC Groups should be formed and promoted to oppose PC flag wavers like left wing charities.
4. More "objective" teaching of the history of the West. Foundations should be set up to preserve and promote Western Heritage and values.

Fortunately and by way of a happy coincidence The English Democrats have been staunch supporters of a formal written Bill of Rights; public Referenda and more Cultural Education. We are also about to launch a number of web based sites, exposing the hypocrisy and waste of taxpayers money given to politically correct schemes and discriminatory government legislation. We also intend to step up our lobbying against all organisations that seek to impose politically correct policies, such as banning Christmas and Christianity and free speech in general.

Browne believes that political correctness will in the future be seen as an aberration in Western thought. Its demise will mirror the decline of western power and influence, this decline, will however, bring us to our senses. "The Retreat of Reason" available from Civitas. [www.civitas.org.uk](http://www.civitas.org.uk).

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